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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION, MADE FINAL

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the office action, made final, for the above identified patent application, mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on October 5, 2001. Applicants enclose a petition for a three month extension of time, extending the date of response by three months up to and including April 5, 2002, and a Request for Continued Examination. Applicants hereby authorizes the Commissioner to charge any fees associated with the above, or additional fees, if necessary, to Attorney's Deposit Account No. 20-0531.

AMENDMENTS

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 23, 24, 28, 29, 39 and 40. Please amend claims 12-13, 30-38, 42-44, as follows.